

## Message Text

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ACTION SY-05

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FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1586

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DEPARTMENT FOR SY AND AF/EX;

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ASEC  
SUBJECT: MARINE VEHICLE - KINSHASA

REF: A/SY/OPS/FO/MSG MEMO OF 22 MAY 1978

1. REF MEMO STATED THAT DEPARTMENT DOES NOT INTEND TO REPLACE THE CURRENT MSG VEHICLE ASSIGNED TO KINSHASA. WHILE THE POST APPRECIATES THE DEMANDS MADE BY OTHER POSTS ON THE SY INVENTORY OF MSG-ASSIGNED VEHICLES, THE KINSHASA MSG DETACHMENT OPERATES IN SOMEWHAT UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT WHICH PRECLUDES THE CARRYING OUT OF THE MSG RESPONSIBILITIES WITHOUT ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION.

2. WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING JUSTIFICATION FOR RETENTION OF THE MSG VEHICLE:

A. THE MSG ARE REQUIRED TO INSPECT BOTH THE ICA AND AID FACILITIES AFTER DUTY HOURS AND DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS. THE ICA FACILITY IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 2 MILES FROM THE CHANCERY. WHILE THE AID OFFICES ARE LOCATED WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF THE CHANCERY, IT IS NOT RECOMMENDED THAT THE MSGS BE REQUIRED TO WALK THE STREETS OF KINSHASA DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS.

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B. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES IN KINSHASA ARE VIRTUALLY NON-EXISTENT AND CERTAINLY GROSSLY INADEQUATE FOR USE BY EMBASSY PERSONNEL. THUS WITHOUT MSG-PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION, THE MARINES WOULD BE ISOLATED AT THE MARINE HOUSE. OTHER EMBASSY FACILITIES, SUCH AS COMMISSARY, GSO AND B-AND-F OFFICES ARE LOCATED SOME DISTANCE FROM THE CHANCERY, AS IS THE RECREATION CENTER.

C. THE EMBASSY MOTOR POOL IS EXTENDED TO ITS FULLEST  
IN MEETING ROUTINE REQUIREMENTS OF THE EMBASSY. IT COULD NOT  
ADEQUATELY SERVICE THE MARINE DETACHMENT WITHOUT SERIOUSLY  
IMPARING ITS REQUIRED SERVICES TO THE EMBASSY.

3. IN THE LIGHT OF THE ABOVE, THE POST RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS  
THAT THE DEPARTMENT RECONSIDER ITS INTENTION TO NO LONGER ASSIGN  
AN MSG VEHICLE TO KINSHASA AND CONCUR IN THE REPLACEMENT OF THE  
CURRENT MSG VEHICLE IN THE NORMAL ROTATIONAL CYCLE.  
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